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In re application of

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ELECTRODE METAL MATERIAL, CAPACITOR AND BATTERY FORMED OF THE MATERIAL AND METHOD OF PRODUCING THE MATERIAL AND THE CAPACITOR AND BATTERY



AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of February 13, 2002, the time for responding thereto being extended for one month in accordance with a Petition for Extension of Time submitted herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel, without prejudice to the subject matter involved claims 54-58.

Please amend claims 1-7 and 9 as follows:

1. (Amended) An electrode metal material for use in an electrode structure in contact with non-aqueous electrolyte, wherein the electrode metal material is a carbon-containing metal material comprising a valve metal material and carbon particles fixed in a surface of the valve metal material and exposed to the surface thereof.